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Applicant RESEARCH IN MOTION-LIMITED et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 5 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the opinion
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-19 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-24 filed with telefax on 23.12.2003

Drawings, Sheets

1/6-6/6 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-24
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-24
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-24
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1 Reference is made to the following document:

D1: EP-A-1 148 423 (TOMARI Y M ET AL) 24 October 2001 (2001-10-24)

2 The subject-matter defined by independent claims 1 and 15 of the present application is novel (Article 33(2) PCT) and considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

2.1 Technical field

The present invention relates to a method (claim 1) and related mobile device (claim 15) for processing a communication event from a certain correspondent and displaying a communication event history associated with the correspondent.

2.2 Closest prior art

Document **D1** relates to a mobile device whereby a display section is adapted to display a list of the communication events that occurred during a certain period of time and to correlate it with entries in an address book (names of the correspondent). In this way it is possible to display the history of the different communication events (e.g. incoming/outgoing telephone calls or e-mail messages) together with the various correspondents. The other prior art documents cited in the International Search Report relate to similar applications where the communications events history is displayed, with or without correlation with the entries in an address book, for all correspondents.

2.3 Problem

Displaying the communication events occurred with all possible correspondents is not practical for a user of the mobile device, the reason therefor being that the user is normally interested in knowing the communications events history only for a single correspondent at a time, thus being able to better understand the context of a certain communication event which is being processed.

2.4 Solution

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When processing a certain communication event, the associated correspondent is identified and all the previous communications events (history) associated only with that particular correspondent are displayed on a user interface of the mobile device.

2.5 Conclusion

With the prior art documents not disclosing nor rendering obvious the above solution, the subject-matter of independent claims 1 and 15 and their relating dependent claims is considered to meet the requirements of Article 33(2) and (3) PCT.

3 The subject-matter of claims 1 to 24 is industrially applicable (Article 33(4) PCT).